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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 17, 2007

I. Introductory Remarks

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2007.

A three month extension of time accompanies the present filing. If any additional fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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